

HOUSE No. 104

By Mr. Jones of North Reading, petition of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to contributions to political committees by certain non-profit or charitable organizations. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	Susan W. Pope
Mary S. Rogeness	Susan Williams Gifford
George N. Peterson, Jr.	Shirley Gomes
John A. Lepper	Michael J. Coppola
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Elizabeth A. Poirier	Richard J. Ross
Donald F. Humason, Jr.	

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT TO LIMIT SPECIAL INTEREST CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Chapter 55 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Offi-
2 cial Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 6B the
3 following section:—
4 Section 6C. Any association or organization not organized for
5 profit, but operated exclusively for the promotion of social wel-
6 fare, religious, charitable, or scientific purposes, not otherwise
7 registered with the secretary of state through a political action
8 committee, is prohibited from contributing anything of value in
9 excess of \$500 to a political committee in any given year.
10 If the aggregate amount of contributions to political committees
11 by any aforesaid organization or association exceeds \$5000 in any
12 given year, the organization or association shall be required to
13 register as a political action committee with the secretary of state.
14 A violation of any provision of this section shall be punished
15 by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by a fine not more
16 than \$1000, or both.

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